

# Sub-Kelvin Detectors

- Use  $\sim\text{meV}$  quanta to obtain better energy resolution than conventional technologies
  - phonons, superconducting quasiparticles
- Can combine with conventional technologies to enable nuclear-recoil discrimination
  - critical for coherent neutrino scattering, WIMP dark matter searches
- Typically not subject to quenching
  - (not mentioned; to be noted in next revision)
  - Same energy scale for EM interactions, alphas, neutrons
- Discussion of general principles and specific implementations for
  - thermal phonon detection
  - athermal phonon detection
  - superconducting quasiparticle detection
  - ionization collection at low temperatures in semiconductors
    - very different from 77K and 300K!
  - scintillation collection at low temperatures

- Large chart with current performances
  - unlike conventional detectors, so many varieties of implementation that generic quantitative results are hard to find
- Will attempt to keep up to date (with much help from individual groups)

Experiment	technique	substrate + mass	sensor	$\Delta E_{FWHM}$ at $E = 0$	[keV] at $E_0$	$E_0$ [keV]	comments
WIMP dark matter							
CDMS I (1996-2000)	thermal	Ge	NTD Ge	0.3	0.7	12	nuclear recoil
	phonon, ionization	0.16 kg	thermistor, H-a-Si/Al electrode	0.9	1.1	10.4	discrimination w/ ionization yield
CDMS II (2001-2008)	athermal	Ge	tungsten	0.4	2.4	20.7	CDMS I+
	phonon, ionization	0.25 kg	TES, a-Si/Al electrode	0.7	0.8	10.4	surface-event discrimination w/phonons
SuperCDMS- SNOLAB, in develop- ment	athermal	Ge	tungsten	0.4	N/A	N/A	CDMS II+
	phonon, ionization	0.64 kg	TES, a-Si/Al interdig.	0.7	N/A	N/A	surface-event discr. w/ioniz.+ phonon $z$ asym.
EDELWEISS I (1996-2005)	thermal	Ge	NTD Ge	2.3	2.3	24.2	nuclear recoil
	phonon, ionization	0.32 kg	thermistor, a-Si/Al a-Ge/Al	1.1	1.1	10.4	discrimination w/ionization yield
EDELWEISS II (2006-)	thermal	Ge	NTD Ge	3.6	3.6	38.0	EDELWEISS I
	phonon, ionization	0.4 kg	thermistor, a-Si/Al interdig.	1.0	1.0	10.4	+surface-event discrimination w/ioniz. asym.
CRESST I (1996-2002)	athermal phonon	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 0.26 kg	tungsten SPT	0.20	0.24	1.5	no NR discr.
CRESST II (2003-)	athermal phonon,	CaWO <sub>4</sub> 0.3 kg	tungsten SPT	0.3	0.3	8.1	NR discr.
	scint.	(ZnWO <sub>4</sub> ) (target and photon abs.)		1.0	3.5	10	w/scint. yield
$\alpha$ decay							
ROSEBUD (1996-)	athermal phonon,	BGO 46 g	NTD Ge thermistor	6	5500	18	$\alpha$ discr.
	scintillation		(target & photon abs.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	w/scint. yield, first detection of <sup>209</sup> Bi $\alpha$ decay
$\beta$ decay							
Oxford <sup>63</sup> Ni (1994-1995)	athermal phonon	InSb 3.3 g	Al STJ	1.24	1.24	67	
MARE (2009-)	thermal phonon	AgReO <sub>4</sub> 0.5 mg	P-implanted Si thermistor	N/A	0.033	2.6	
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay							
CUORE (2003-)	thermal phonon	TeO <sub>2</sub> * 0.75 kg	NTD Ge thermistor	N/A	7	2527	

\* The CUORE energy resolution is worse than can be obtained with Ge diode detectors.